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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Werner BEISEL, Heinz WETTENGEL, Volker HAGELE  
SIGNALING OF DEFECTS FOR HW SUPPORTED PROTECTION  
SWITCHING INSIDE AN OPTICAL CROSS-CONNECTED SYSTEM  
**Assignee: ALCATEL**  
Our Ref. Q78137

031088 U.S. PTO  
10/697108  
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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 17 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet, and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>12</u>	-	20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee										\$770.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>										<b>\$770.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment										\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>										<b>\$810.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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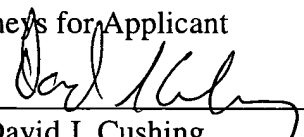
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The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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